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# Pennsylvania College

## Its Seventy-fifth Anniversary

BY REV. WM. S. FREAS, JR.

FIFTEEN years ago THE REVIEW printed an article entitled "Pennsylvania College." It was occasioned by the celebration of the sixteenth anniversary of the foundation of the college. It was more or less in the nature of an historical sketch, showing the progress which had been made from the beginning until that time. In the time which has elapsed since 1892, greater progress than dreamed of before has been made at this, one of the three oldest Lutheran institutions of learning in our land. The article in this issue will deal with the "Seventy-fifth Anniversary of Pennsylvania College," popularly known to the "boys" and younger alumni as "Gettysburg."

The best way to show the progress which has been made at Gettysburg, is to tell very briefly of the things which were done and seen at this commencement. On Sunday, June 9, the Rev. Dr. Clutz, of Gettysburg, preached the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class, choosing as his theme, the "Righteous Servant of Jehovah." In the evening the Y. M. C. A. was addressed by Rev. Luther Deyoe, of Phila-

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE.

delphia. On Sunday, however, there were comparatively few of the alumni present, but on Monday morning they came by every train, and continued to come until there was the largest gathering of alumni ever present at a Gettysburg commencement. Many of the "young grads" and a few of the older ones, renewed their college days at the baseball game on Monday afternoon with Mt. St. Mary's College. Of course, old Gettysburg won, but only after an eleven inning contest.

Monday night the glee and mandolin clubs gave their annual concert in Brua Chapel. They set a high standard for future clubs. Tuesday morning belonged to the Junior Class, as at that time the Junior Oratorial Contest was held. In the afternoon the Seniors took possession of the college for their Class Day exercises. They were compelled to go to the Chapel to hold them instead of on the campus as is the custom, because of the rain.

The meeting of the board of trustees on Tuesday morning will probably show better than anything else what Gettysburg is doing and what she may be expected to do. At this meeting two new professorships and two instructorships were created. A regular chair of Physics was established, Prof. Louis A. Parsons, Ph.D., of Iowa State University, being elected to fill it. A chair of Philosophy was created, Professor Sander, of the faculty, being elected to this position. Two instructors, one in Mathematics, H. S. Dornberger, '06, and the other in English, Frank Layman, '04, were elected. A step in the right direction was the election to the board of trustees of Luther P. Eisenhart, '96, instructor at Princeton University, a man well acquainted with modern education methods. A committee of prominent educators was appointed to rearrange the entrance requirements and the curriculum, so as to bring them up to date. The cut system, in use for some years, is also to be revised.

Tuesday night the president gave a reception to the graduating class, alumni and friends at his home on the campus.

In many respects the most interesting day was Alumni Day, intended to be the time for the celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary. The exercises of the morning were marked by great enthusiasm as the speakers of the day mentioned the names of illustrious sons of old Gettysburg. Dr. Richard gave a brief historical sketch; Dr. Clutz followed with a history of those who have become prominent in science and education; Prof. John Marshall, M.D., LL.D., spoke of our Alumni in Medicine, and Rev. Diffenderfer concluded the speech-making by talking of our Alumni in the Service of the Church.

Immediately after the alumni exercises, the alumni collation was held in Recitation Hall. The examination room, commonly known to the boy's as the "sweat box," had been tastefully decorated with flowers and pennants. The good ladies of Gettysburg had provided a feast for the alumni, to which they did full justice. All the professors and many of the prominent alumni were cheered to the echo. Alumni association meeting following the collation was the occasion of a real live meeting, especially when the opportunity came to put in nomination an alumni member of the board of trustees. The name of Rev. Diffenderfer was first proposed. Then in a most emphatic and pointed speech Wm. J. Gies, Ph.D., '93, now head of the Department of Biological Chemistry at Columbia University, was put in nomination. His name was received with intense enthusiasm, as he has always been interested greatly in Gettysburg. Rev. Diffenderfer withdrew his name.

The seventy-fifth commencement exercises were held Thursday morning, a class of thirty-two receiving their diplomas. Of this number fourteen received either first or second honor. In addition to the regular A.M. and M.S. for alumni who have completed three years of work in certain lines, the following degrees were conferred: D.D., upon Rev. T. C. Pritchard, Rev. U. Meyers, Rev. G. C. Henry, Rev. E. C. Miller, Rev. Luther E. Deyoe and Rev. Alex. J. C. Haupt; Sc.D., upon R. B. Weaver; an Honorary A.M., upon C. I. Redcal and C. P. Wiles.

Despite the rainy weather during most of the commencement exercises, yet they were such as to be remembered Gettysburg is going forward. She has already taken her place with other institutions of learning. She will continue to advance. Her location is ideal; her course of study is good; her future can be great.

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Lord, imprint upon my heart a lively idea of eternity, that the sorrowful passages of this life, which are so uneasy and frightful to nature, may vanish or be borne with patience.—*Sacra Privata.*

# About the Fourth

## The Day in History

IT was a curious stroke of fortune that led to the humiliation of the British arms on July 4, 1754, with Colonel George Washington in command of the ill starred expedition. Although a boy in years, Washington had discovered and reported to the Governor of the colony of Virginia the plans and preparations of the French for the seizure of strategic positions south of the lakes. He helped to raise troops to check the French and, through the death of the colonel appointed to lead them, arose to the chief command. Meanwhile the British post on the site of Pittsburgh had fallen into the hands of the French, and the young colonial loyalist set out with 150 men to retake it. Failing to unite with a force appointed to meet his on the Monongahela, he built an intrenchment and called it Fort Necessity. This was threatened, and he sallied out on June 27 and fired the first gun of the French and Indian war, opening a conflict which, under a variety of pretexts and on different fields, lasted sixty years. But on July 4 he was closely besieged by vastly superior numbers. Fortunately, a fierce storm of thunder and lightning raged for hours and prevented the French from attacking. At nightfall Washington capitulated and marched forth with the honors of war.

Just 21 years after the contretemps in the wilderness the 4th of July dawned under brighter auspices for Virginia's favorite son. That day, 1775, General George Washington issued his first order to the colonial army at Cambridge. There was no Union then and little cohesion among the colonies, and he anticipated the great event of July 4, 1776, by asking that in the army "all distinction of colonies be laid aside." Two years later, in his camp at Morristown, he inaugurated the celebration by the army of the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

There is a gap in the chronology of important events in our annals which occurred July 4, extending from 1776 to 1804. Nathaniel Hawthorne was born in Salem, Mass., July 4, 1804. Three great presidents—Jefferson, Adams and Monroe—and the most brilliant orator of the era when the results of the war were harvested by wise counsels, Fisher Ames of Massachusetts, passed away on anniversaries of the nation's birth.

Jefferson and Adams, two of the founders of liberty in the new world, died the same day, July 4, 1826. These two patriots, Jefferson of Virginia and Adams of Massachusetts, had been the most conspicuous in the throng of determined men on July 4, 1776, when the burning words of Patrick Henry, "Liberty or Death!" became the watchword of the colonists in Congress assembled. Ames died July 4, 1808.

James Monroe, founder of the doctrine that foreign interference with American republics will not be tolerated, died July 4, 1831.

There was a scurrying among delegates to be in their places early on July 4, 1776, when the vote was taken on the Declaration. Cæsar Rodney rode 80 miles in saddle to place Delaware on record. The journal of the proceedings of Congress contains the following simple announcement of the history making event:

"Agreeably to the order of the day, the Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole to take into their further consideration the Declaration, and after some time the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported that the committee had agreed to a declaration which they desired to have him report. The Declaration, being read, was agreed to."

The result of the vote was announced to the Assembly at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

### Memorable Fourths.

The most memorable Fourth was, of course, that historic day when fifty-six men, assembled in the hall of the State House at Philadelphia, decided after a hot and stormy debate that the thirteen colonies of America were and of right ought to be free and independent. The first celebration took place in Philadelphia four days after the adoption of the Declaration. That particular 8th of July of the year 1776 is described by one of the immortal signers of the Declaration as being "a warm, sunshiny morning," and it was in the yard of the statehouse that John Nixon read the new and original Declaration. The great assemblage of people "gave three repeated huzzas," we are told, and the king's coat of arms was torn down. The proclamation was read again before each of the five battalions on the common of the old Quaker City, and in the evening

bonfires were lighted, bells were rung and cannon were discharged.

In New York the next day, July 9, Washington himself took part in the celebration of the first Fourth. The Declaration was read in the presence of the army, and the populace gave vent to their feelings in cannon firing, bell ringing and bonfire making. Enthusiasm, in fact, ran so high that the people tore down the statue of King George III from its place in Bowling Green and beheaded and melted the same, much to the satisfaction of the soldiery, whom only stern discipline had deterred from so doing.

There was no telegraph in those early days, and it took the good news some time to reach Boston. It was the 18th of July before the intelligence was brought by messenger, and, though somewhat belated in celebrating America's first Independence Day, those early Bostonians were none the less enthusiastic at the thought of having thrown off the burdensome English yoke. They had no statue of King George to break up, but did the next best thing by tearing down the lion and unicorn from the east wing of the State House, and in the evening there was a general illumination, with much merrymaking on the Common.

DIGNITY OF THE REVOLUTION.

The calm dignity with which this Revolution was inaugurated, the ties of allegiance sundered, the solemn declaration made that henceforth these colonies were to be free and independent States, and the solemn appeal of the representatives of the people to posterity for the rectitude of their intentions is one of the grandest and most imposing events in history. When, in all time, have any other people inaugurated revolution and confronted death with such fearless dignity? No violence marked the grandeur of this great act. But the calm recital of wrongs and oppressions is followed by the decisive step and the solemn appeal to the Supreme Judge of the world. How striking the contrast with other nations when in the throes of revolution!

THE FOURTH LONG AGO.

West Point can boast of two of the most famous of the early Fourth of July celebrations. One was in the year 1779, when Washington issued an order which was publicly read there granting a general pardon to all prisoners in the army under sentence of death. The other was in 1782, when there occurred there the last review of the Revolutionary army as such. "The whole army was formed on the banks of the Hudson on each side of the river. The signal of thirteen cannon being given at West Point, the troops deployed and formed lines, when a general feu de joie took place throughout the army."

THE SWISS CELEBRATE THE FOURTH.

The general observance of the Fourth of July by the people of Switzerland is one of the unexpected things which an American traveler sees. If he has spent Independence Day in England or France or Germany, where the only recognition of the day comes from resident or visiting Americans, he will be surprised the more.—Selected.

# Louisa of Prussia

NAPOLEON, the conqueror, paid tribute to the beauty, the wit, and the charm of this attractive and accomplished woman. She exercised her powers for her king and her kingdom. Words can hardly express the sweetness of the royal domestic life until disaster came and sorrow with it. Half the rich Prussian province was violently wrested from the king by the ruthless hand of Napoleon. A more eminently gifted woman in goodness and true nobility perhaps never sat on a throne.

Louisa was born in 1776. She was the daughter of the late duke of a contiguous principality. Louisa became the wife of a Prussian prince in 1793, and this prince succeeded to the throne the very year—1797—in which their second son was born. This child afterward became Emperor William I, justly called both the "great and the good," and grandfather of the present Emperor.

A lovely scene indeed it was in the royal home of Prussia during the early prosperous years. It was due largely to the gentle, unassuming Louisa, seconded by the somewhat taciturn but substantial qualities of the king. When the sky became clouded the heroic element shone out in the character of both of them. Especially was it given to the queen to exhibit courage and piety; these combined with her simplicity, purity and always dominant humility, made her a wonder ever more and more. Such was Louisa's influence that Napo-

leon Bonaparte sought her out, and in a conference at Tilsit, attributed to political cleverness what was really due solely to the Queen's goodness of heart and noble magnanimity of mind. In the midst of the universal praise accorded him, Louisa thought Napoleon far from secure on his brilliant throne, because, as she remarked, "he did everything without regard to the laws of eternity, cared nothing for good men or measures, but only to advance his own immeasurable ambition." She said God was using Napoleon to open the way for a new order of things. "We have been resting on the laurels of the great Frederick, and the age has gone on and left us behind. Better times, expected by the better class of people, are sure to come, though we shall probably never live to see them. As God wills—all things as God wills." What a true prophecy were these words of the Queen. The "Scourge of Europe" was presently defeated himself by the Allied Armies. The prowess of the German arms was vindicated, thanks to Louisa's inspiring genius. But, as Mrs. Hemans sings, though the nation's colors were "flung hard by the Baltic deep, alas! she, she was gone." Misfortune literally broke her heart, and on July 19, 1810, the Queen was dead. A polypus had grown into her heart. She became a martyr to the cause of the fatherland.

"I am Queen, but cannot move my arm"; "Tell the king not to be so agitated, or I shall die speedily"; "Nothing but death can now relieve me"; "Lord Jesus, come soon." These were among the last utterances of the Queen Louisa. But thirty-four years and four months of age, she had, nevertheless, lived long enough to give her country and the world a noble example of a true and unblemished life, in great, as well as small things, until death. One of the most touching of scenes is that which witnesses the aged duke, her father, with the king himself, and her two sons, bathing the hands of the departed with their burning tears, all at her bedside.

Generosity was a trait characteristic of Louisa. She thanked God that He had given her, amid all vicissitudes, a tender heart of solicitude for others. "Who can weigh and determine whether all are worthy? In what do we deserve God's goodness?" She replied, to those who would be more careful in dispensing charity. "He who knows not in tears to eat his bread, knows not the great, the heavenly might," she was found singing once while seated at a piano.

When she felt strongly that Prussia was sleeping, and needed to rouse herself to repeat the achievements of her noble sires, Louisa said, "We must do differently." "Resolve to die," said she to her son, "rather than submit in craven sullenness to our country's shame." "I will not speak too loudly lest I awake her to a world of care," were the words of one of Germany's greatest sculptors, when he placed the Queen's marble image in the costly and beautiful building, where Frederick William laid the ashes of his beloved Louisa, where he himself also came to lie in 1840, and which was built expressly for its purpose. Though many summers and winters have flown since the construction of this mausoleum, just after the Queen's death, it may still be seen standing in stately proportions at the end of the long walk, embowered among the annually renewed and blossoming larches, that keep vigilant sentinel in the royal garden in Charlottenburg.

# True Greatness

BY M. A. G. EDINGTON

NORMAN was reading the "Life of Washington," and, when the study hour was past, he took up the book and read eagerly. By and by he looked up to say, "I wish I could be a great man, and do great deeds."

"In what manner?" asked the mother with a smile.

"Like Washington," he answered. "It must be grand to be a leader among men, to have one's name known and honored in all the world."

"'He who would do any great deed, must be the son of his time; and his work must be rooted in the need of the hour.'"

He looked at her in a puzzled manner.

"Do you remember, Norman, the lines we read the other evening from Grey's Elegy?

"'Some mute, inglorious Milton here may rest,
Some Cromwell guiltless of his country's blood.'

"Great men and great deeds, such as you are thinking of, are few, because the opportunities

are few. The lives of even the greatest men are, for the most part, as commonplace as yours or mine. Generally, too, the path of greatness leads through the pain and suffering, perhaps, of thousands of human beings; and to the loss of things infinitely more precious than anything fame gives in return."

He listened with troubled eyes.

"I do not understand," he said slowly.

"You were reading about Napoleon the other day; and you said you did not like his character. Why not?"

"Because he was not a good man. He was selfish and cruel—he sacrificed everything to his ambition."

"Everything? What do you include in that word?"

"Why, the lives and happiness of his people, his wife, honor, truth, everything that even *seemed* to stand in the way of the goal he was working for."

"But, Norman, if he had allowed any of these things to obstruct his path, he would, doubtless, never have achieved the greatness he did."

"Would it not have been better ——" he began, but suddenly stopped.

He was beginning to understand what she meant by the "precious things" of which she had spoken.

"Yes," the mother answered slowly, "it is better to remain forever at the foot of the ladder than to climb to the highest round by staining the soul with even the smallest sin."

"But was not Washington a good man as well as a great one?"

"I believe so; but *his* greatness was not of his own choosing. You know how greatly he preferred the retirement of his beloved home, to the cares and trials of a public life. He had in him the elements of greatness, as many another has, of whom the world never hears, and he lived in a time favorable for great deeds. His country needed his services and he gave them freely, through patriotism, not ambition."

The eagerness had all died out of Norman's face, and he said, half sadly: "Is it wrong, then, to wish to be and to do something different from the common sort of people?"

"That depends on what the 'something' is, and on what you mean by the 'common sort of people.' The 'common people,' you know, heard Christ most gladly, and so gained something for themselves higher than the proud Pharisees ever won by all their loud prayers and vain boastings."

"I will tell you," she added, after a slight pause, "who, I think, is the greatest man who ever lived on earth; and I hope you will take him as your model in all things. I mean Jesus, perfect in action, in intellect, in morality. You may never be President, or even a famous statesman, poet or soldier. What matter? 'The sweetest lives are those to duty wed,' and 'his work counts most who labors every day.' Though your name may never be known beyond your own village, your life is not lost, cannot be, if spent in His service. There are countless heroes whose brave deeds are never heralded—who never hear the faintest echo of the trump of fame. But *God* sees, and keeps the record in His book of life."

She saw the shadow lifting from his face, and went on.

"Have you a soldier spirit? In your own soul are enemies more powerful than any Napoleon ever conquered; and, if you will, you may win greater victories than Alexander, Washington, or any of your favorite heroes ever won on the tented field. Do you know that *you* are a hero? That you have lately won some noble battles?"

She smiled to see the puzzled look in his eyes, as he said, "Please don't laugh at me. I see I have been very foolish."

"Not at all, Norman. Every true boy has longings such as yours—they are very natural and right; but I see you do not really understand me. Let me explain. How many shadows,—soul-shadows, I mean, some of them very strong and active, have you conquered in the past few months? Has it cost you nothing to do this? Are you not proud of your victories? Are you not stronger and better, yea, *greater* for them?"

There was not time to say more; but she had given him many new thoughts, and he pondered over them for many days. When he went up to bed, he found in his room a little volume open at a short poem entitled "Everyday Work," and was greatly helped and comforted by its noble thoughts.

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It is, we know, the custom of some boys and girls to pay no attention to the church service, and to think that they are not needed there. We hope that each Lord's Day will find you filling your chosen place in your own beloved church. God's house is the soul's home.

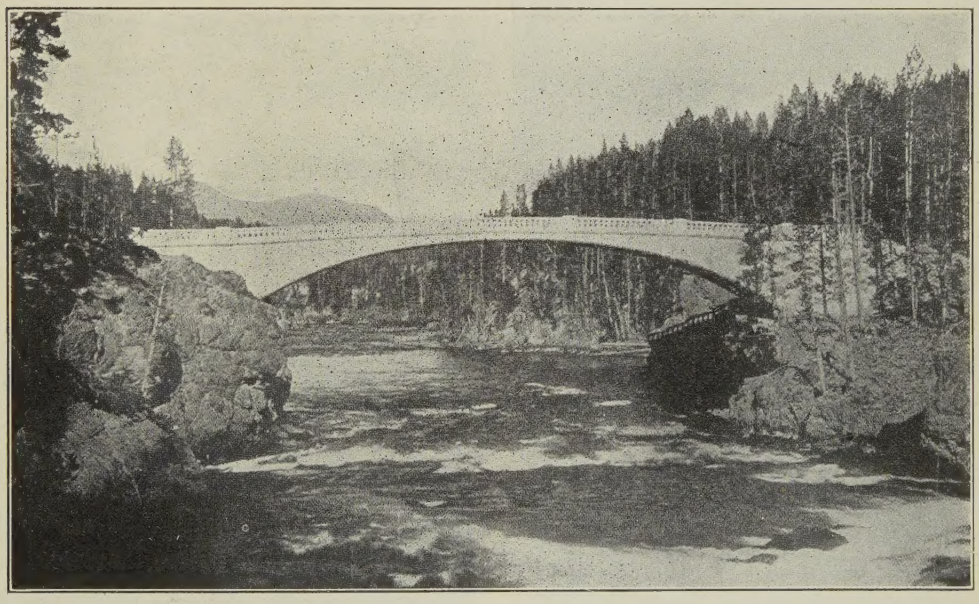
# The Summer's Outing

BY OLAF ORSON

THE return of the heated term, as regularly as it raises the mercury in the thermometer, invites an answer to the question, "Where shall I go for the summer?" It was the answer to this question that took our party to Eagle Rock for a camping trip through the Yellowstone Park. And it is of this trip which has a permanently place in my memory that I propose to tell.

Traveling from the Missouri plateau, upon which metropolitan cities are built, and across rolling prairies, fertile as a garden, to the mountain elevation of Cheyenne, where the horizon is dotted with bald-headed mountains still wearing a snowy night-cap, not only lowered the fevered condition of the physical system, but made nerves and brain tingle with exhilarant pleasure. How odd and grotesque is this desert pass through the adamantine vertebræ of this continental backbone called the Rocky Mountains. Even the desert has its charms of fantastic shapes and wild life; and as mile after mile of railroad is left behind you, level as the smoothing surface of a flat-iron, the sluggish mountains that hang upon your vision are as tantalizing as Jacob's pottage to Esau's craving appetite. All the way from Cheyenne to Granger, and from Granger to Pocatello, and thence to Eagle Rock, show sockless footprints of Creation. This railroad travel, with the elegant service which "The Overland Route" affords the tourist, rested us and prepared us for the experience of camping through this section of the world that might well be called the Geologist's Paradise.

At Eagle Rock we outfitted for the trip. A fastidious member of our party from New York tried the stores of this thriving shipping point, and his eyes opened wide as saucers at the assortment offered at his request for cork insoles.



BRIDGE ACROSS THE YELLOWSTONE.

With a four horse wagon, tent and cooking utensils, and three saddle horses, we six set out for the Park, over one hundred and fifty miles distant. This distance we covered at fifty miles a day. It gave us the double advantage of mixing with the settlers and learning the country, as well as the enjoyment of the first rate hunting and fishing. From the time we left the railroad until we returned four weeks

later, we never sat down to a meal without game or fish. At the entrance of the park we left our rifles with the United States troops and depended on fishing tackle.

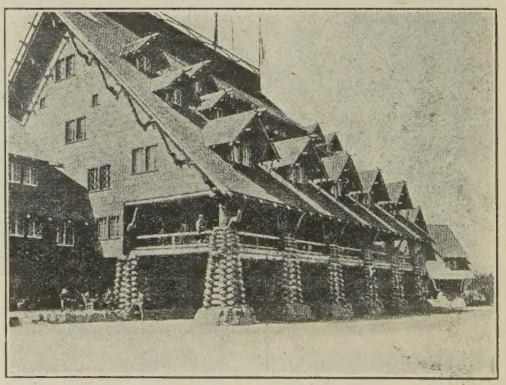
This way of entering has the superior advantage of bringing you at once to the startling grandeur and mysterious phenomena of the park. We had come by way of the Tahgee Pass and around the Henry Lake meadows, and entered the head of the Madison

GIBBON CAÑON.

Cañon where, in less than an hour, we forded the headwaters of the Missouri, crossing it six times, its stream as clear as crystal and as cold as the snow of Cape Nome. That night we camped at the mouth of the Gibbon Cañon where the hot waters of the Fire Hole empty into the chilling waters of the Madison, giving the proper temperature for a most refreshing bath. This splendid part of our trip is only obtained by the route we came, and is the portion usually cut out of trips entering the park in other ways. But the Westerner appreciates, and does not care to have it omitted from his pleasure. In the morning we drove along a road as fine as a boulevard and came in the afternoon to Mt. Schurz, whose 14,000 feet we climbed to see the extinct craters on its summit and to be deafened by the roar of the Devil's Whistle, noisy as the safety valves of a thousand locomotives emitting steam at once. Descending from the din of the summit we made our way to the little paint pots, pretty as mixed candy; and several hours before sunset we had our tent pitched in the midst of the Norris Geyser Basin, where we found Nature toying and sporting as a child at play. From here we drove to the Mammoth Hot Springs. From Swan Lake, lying under the guardian care of Electric Peak, a large tract of land level as a dancing floor, we passed the Sentinel buttresses of hills, and instantly there burst on the eye the Golden Gate Cañon. A stream threaded its way hundreds of feet below, while the walls of the Cañon seemed rich with precious metal, so profusely had Nature lavished her colors upon the rocks. Ahead of us for miles were the gray hills, and a turn in the road brought the 170 acres of steaming water, hemmed in by the geyserite full of rainbow colors into view. At the descent of the hill we pitched our tent, made our toilet and reached the Springs Hotel in ample time both for supper and to see the stage arrive with passengers from Cinnabar to start in the morning on the more than 100 miles of natural freaks that had already astonished us and we had left behind for the new worlds ahead of us.

Our guide and driver was a university man from one of the Middle States. He was thoroughly acquainted with the country and had frequently visited the park before each summer thousands came to see its wonders. He had a good business of his own and consented to accompany us for the pleasure it affords him. It gave us a rare opportunity to see everything and to the best advantage, because of his intelligent familiarity with the country.

From here we went to see the other attrac-



OLD FAITHFUL INN.

tions of the park. In our entire trip coming this way, with the exception perhaps of 100 miles in the park, we never doubled on our course. After leaving the park we returned to the Oregon Short Line by way of the Camass meadows, 70 miles north of where we left it, having traveled about 1,000 miles in a wagon and slept for twenty-four days on mother earth.

Yours truly,

OLAF ORSON.

# Luther League of Ohio

## Twelfth Convention at Bucyrus, June 24 and 25

BY EMMA E. MAST

THE twelfth annual convention of the Luther League of Ohio, held in St. Paul's Church Bucyrus, June 24 and 25, proved to be, by far, the most successful meeting of this organization. During the past year the executive committee has been very active and the league shows growth spiritually, educationally, numerically, socially and financially.

A very large audience gathered in the beautiful church for the opening session Monday evening, Rev. S. G. Dornblazer, pastor of the church, conducted the vesper services. The first address of the evening was delivered by the Rev. C. E. Gardner, of Springfield, on the subject "Why a Luther League?" Rev. Mr. Gardner made a strong and convincing address insisting on instructions along denominational lines. The Luther League teaches the younger element of the Church what the Church stands for, what it believes and what it is trying to do, It is a strong factor in spreading the gospel as taught by our Church and of most valuable assistance to the pastors.

"Practical Points for Luther Leaguers" was the subject of an address by Rev. Leander S. Keyser, D.D., of Canal Dover. Many excellent suggestions were given. He pleaded for a proper spirit in League meetings, recommending the use of the regular form of service given in the Luther League Hymnal for opening and closing meetings, insisting that the spirit of worship thus developed could not be obtained through informal services. He showed leaders the great responsibility that rests on them, for on them depends the spirit of the meeting and the benefits to those present. Miss Susie Ebert, local president, then addressed the convention in behalf of the local league and congregation. She made a most cordial address of welcome. Rev. E. L. T. Engers responded in his happy way. After the benediction a reception was held on the parsonage lawn and a most delightful hour spent.

### Second Session.

Tuesday morning devotional services were conducted by Dr. Greenawalt, of Bellefontaine. Mr. M. W. Lutz, president of the State League, then gave the annual report, which was very encouraging, and showed much work during the past year, and made several valuable suggestions for work along various lines to be taken up during the coming year. As this date, June 25, marked the anniversary of the reading of the Augsburg Confession, the subject "Augsburg Day" had been assigned to Rev. E. W. Simon, D.D., of Trinity Church, Akron. Rev. Mr. Simon told of the great event in the history of our Church, how Luther and his followers knew the truth and that God was with them. This historical address proved one of the great educational features of the convention. A very interesting

MARVIN W. LUTZ.
President Luther League of Ohio.

number of the program was then taken up. A conference, led by Rev. A. B. Markley, discussed ways and means of an effective League. The subject was subdivided into topics and thoroughly discussed. "Awakening an Interest" had been assigned to Dr. F. W. E Peschau, of Miamisburg; "Increasing Attendance," Rev. S. P. Long, Mansfield; "Cultivating the Social," Miss Clara Lane, Zanesville; "Developing the Intellectual," Albert C. Halloway, Akron. After the presentation of these topics a spirited discussion followed on

questions that had been distributed to the members of the convention. Much valuable information was gained as many speakers of note were present and took part in answering the various questions.

THIRD SESSION.

The afternoon session opened at 1:30, Rev. D. H. Bauslin, D.D., of Springfield, officiating. After the devotional services the Rev. Paul Z. Strodach, of Trinity Church, Canton, was introduced, and gave a most scholarly address on "The Church Year in Christian Worship." The Rev. Mr. Strodach explained the growth of the Church year from apostolic times to the present, showing that the Lutheran Church is no new Church, but the continuation of the pure Church that it has been blest by God 1900 years, and he showed the advantage of systematic form of worship as we have in the Lutheran Church with its seasons and festivals and the beauty of the gospel and epistle forming the collect for each day of the Church year. This address was very instructive and such a one as to make more intelligent Lutherans of the hearers.

This was followed by a paper on the subject "Our Heritage," by Rev. E. L. T. Engers, of Barberton. He explained that we are all brethren on account of our heritage, and as children of the same family differ yet are all heirs, so we are bound together by this bond of union and this close relationship should form a united church. Among other things in Our Heritage he emphasized the gospel in its purity and saving power, the spirit of joy and the Augsburg Confession.

A business session followed at which the following officers were elected: President, M. W. Lutz, Canton; vice-president, Rev. A. B. Markley, Mansfield; corresponding secretary, Miss Celerice Goodyear, Cleveland; recording secretary, E. F. Stallsmith, Cleveland; treasurer, Chas. Matthes, Mansfield.

It was decided to hold the next convention in the First Church, Mansfield.

The statistical report showed this to be the largest convention of the State League.

The treasurer's report showed the finances to be in a most encouraging condition.

FOURTH SESSION.

The fourth and last session, Tuesday evening, was an inspiration to all present; the church was crowded at 7:30 when services were begun by the use of the vesper service conducted by Rev. O. F. Weaver, of Lucas. The Bucyrus Glee Club was present and rendered several fine selections. There were two important address. The first by Rev. Luther B. Wolf, D.D., president of Watt's Memorial College, India, on "A Message from Across the Sea." The Rev. Mr. Wolf took us with him on a journey to India and gave us a beautiful word picture of the life of the natives and explained the great work being done by missionaries and of the vast amount still to be done. After a violin solo by Miss Helen Dornblazer, the second speaker, the Rev. George B. Hancher, Ph.D., of Chicago, Ill., spoke on the "League's Harvest." He told especially of the advantages and opportunities young people have today over those of years ago, when the young folks had to sit quietly by and the head of the family attended to all Church work. The address was very eloquent showing clearly the harvest to be ripe and ready for the work of the Leaguers. After closing remarks by the re-elected president, convention adjourned.

The convention was favored with excellent music at each session. Several splendid solos were rendered by Mr. Joseph D. Wise and Mrs. Wm. R. Wise, of Bucyrus, and Miss Eva Lehman, of Canton. The choir of St. Paul's Church and the congregational singing added much to the sessions. The hospitality of the people of Bucyrus and the excellent sessions of the convention will long be remembered by those who attended.

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### Taking Care of Them Herself

"Yes'm she's pretty well, mother is," said the old man, pausing to answer an inquiry concerning his wife; "pretty well, if only 'twa'n't for worryin' about the children. 'Lizabeth's up to Conway this season, and mother's all the time afraid she'll be took sick away from home. Samuel's got a good place at Tanfield, but his boardin' place is across the river, and mother, she can't get over the feelin' that he's likely to be drowned. The two younger ones is home yet, but she says she's anxious about the time John'll be wantin' to strike out for himself, and she's always been afraid we'd never raise Car'line. No'm, there's nothin' special the matter with any of 'em now. Mother hain't had a touch of her rheumatism all summer, and she'd be pretty well off if 'twasn't for worryin'. Christian? Bless you, yes, this forty year! She ain't afraid but what the Lord will take care of her and all the rest of the world, but seems like she ain't got faith yet to believe he's to be trusted with the children."—*Wellspring.*

# Luther League Topics

10th Week After Trinity. August 4, 1907.

## John the Baptist

John 1: .19-34.

Biblical Topic Reviewed by Rev. C. A. Miller, D.D.

Questions to be answered in brief papers: What of John's parentage and training? What was his personal mission? What was John's message? What was the significance and the mode of John's baptism?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. Here was a man of earnestness. He gave himself to the mission for which he was sent into the world. He cared for nothing else; not for comfort, since he lived in the wilderness, to prepare himself, and fed on locusts and wild honey; not for pleasant things and smoothnesses, since he neither lived in kings houses nor wore soft raiment; not for the world's opinions, since he was no reed swayed by the wind. He was sent to prepare the way for the Christ, and he, like St. Paul, afterwards, did "this one thing." He came to be "a voice in the wilderness," and he accepted his office, seeking not to be anything else than a voice. We need men who know what they are good for, what God intended them for, and who give themselves utterly to that thing!

2. Here was a man of courage. John would as soon speak the word of stern reproof to the king who had the power of life and death in his hands as to the powerless multitudes who gathered on the banks of the Jordan to hear his message and to amuse themselves by the indulgence of their curiosity. John had the same thing to say to king and peasant, "Repent." He was only the more ready to make his message definite, if he knew the particular sin of the particular man, and knowing Herod's sin, he had no mercy, because Herod could call soldiers to cut off John's head! We need men of courage, men who will not hesitate to say "Thou art the man," men who will rebuke the mighty with just the same frankness as they will use to the lowly, men who are not influenced by the fashion, nor by the worldliness of their companions. It demands courage today, to be a faithful witness for Jesus Christ. There is no danger of being beheaded, or of suffering phyical pain. The age is too destitute of convictions to care what you believe or teach. But to stand alone, in the midst of the indifferent and godless, to have faith, when it is bad form to believe anything, to be in earnest, when every one else is persuaded that there is nothing to get excited about, at any rate, that nothing but money-making is really important—all that takes a high degree of moral courage. We need some of John's fearlessness.

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11th Week After Trinity. August 11, 1907.

## The Christian Kindergarten

I Tim. 3: 14-17.

Many public school educators give excessive countenance to the Kindergarten idea, while a number of the most approved Kindergarten Normal Schools and Kindergartens are developing principles and a system of training for the little ones which is essentially heathen. Some of our Sunday-schools even, and parish schools, with their teachers, cherish a general idea of Kindergarten work (which they have absorbed through the medium of their professional literature and training), that is in direct antagonism to "the redemption which is in Christ Jesus."

We therefore publish part of a paper by Pastor Carl Goedel, rector of the Mary Drexel Deaconess House and School for Training Teaching Sisters on "The Sister in the Kindergarten," in which the distinction between the pagan and the Christian Kindergarten is clearly pointed out, and it is shown that the origin of the latter preceded the former by over half a century. The paper in question was read at the Second Conference of Evangelical Lutheran Deaconesses Mother Houses in the United States, held at Milwaukee, Wis., October 20-22, 1897. Pastor Goedel is a specialist in this line of educational work not simply as it has been carried on in Germany, but he takes a deep and comprehensive interest in the English educational work of the Church in this country.

He understands both the conditions of our educational field and the principles which are to be put into operation, and the host of our faithful Kindergarten and Primary Teachers will be glad to come into closer contact with the head of this Kindergarten work as it is

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carried on in the well-organized Mary Drexel Home and Schools. The following is what Pastor Goedel has to say on the Christian Kindergarten in contrast with the numerous non-Christian Kindergartens, based on Froebel's principle of excluding religion.

THE CHRISTIAN KINDERGARTEN.

In the year 1779 the Christian Kindergarten (Klein-Kinderschule) first came into existence, through Oberlin and Louise Scheppler.

The work was taken up in 1816 by R. Owen, his assistant being the weaver James Buchanan, the first person who reduced to theory the system of the Christian Kindergarten. This system is essentially the same at the present day.

Twenty years later Theodore Fliedner joined their ranks, finding, in 1835, a temporary place for this branch of work in the famous garden house at Kaiserswerth. He established, in 1840, the first seminary for Kindergarten teachers. Since then, among the Deaconess houses of Germany, the Christian Kindergarten is one of the best liked and most cultivated fields of labor.

The Froebel Kindergarten is an institution which is radically different from our Christian Infant school. In 1840, that is, forty years after the establishment of the first Christian Kindergarten, Froebel founded his institution in opposition to the former. Rejecting the principle of all Christian education, viz., the leading of the baptized child to Christ and His kingdom, he advocated the education of the natural man by developing and directing his natural faculties.

We recognize the good features in Froebel's method, in the games and occupations of the little ones. But the principle on which he is building, must prevent the adoption of his Kindergarten in the Church. Among the believing Christians not only of Germany, but all over Europe, it has proved a lamentable failure.

Our teachers must never be expected to serve the Kindergarten after the fashion of Froebel. But they must recognize it as their great and sacred duty to open the way for the Christian Kindergarten into our Lutheran congregations.

What kind of food will the souls of our baptized children prefer, the twenty "gifts" of Froebel, or the one gift of God's Word, adapted to the capacity of the child, and particularly that one gift, of which it is written: "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son?" What is better suited to the mind of the child, the silly and shallow rhymes of Froebel and his successors, or the pithy, true utterances of God's Word, which follow the child throughout life, and the simple hymns of the heroes of our faith, which continue to edify and to comfort the adult Christian?

We who hold fast the pure faith of the fathers, have a special call in this country to save at least our youngest children from that current of religious indifference which rules in our lower and higher institutions of learning. We are determined to work for the Christianizing of the Kindergarten.

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12th Week After Trinity. August 18, 1907.

## John the Evangelist

John 21: 20-25.

Biblical Topic Reviewed by Rev. C. A. Miller, D.D.

Questions to be answered in brief papers: What do we know of John's life and activity? What are the two sides of John's character? What is the relation of John's theology to the Reformation and the Lutheran teaching?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. The secret of John's life was love. Young, ardent, affectionate by temperament, gifted with depth of character, he, as none other, attached himself to Jesus by the devotion of his spirit. But his love was more than a mere personal affection. Thomas had that. He was ready to die with Jesus. (John 11:16.) But for Thomas the words of Jesus were rather a hindrance than a help to his love. To John, the wonderful teaching was increasingly the attraction. To listen to the Lord, to ponder His marvelous message, to write it on the tablets of his memory, to search into its inner meaning, was his delight. The others knew the life of their Master, John sought to know His heart. The others have given us the Gospel of His deeds and words. John, far more than they, the Gospel of His heart. Love is the interpreter. We know that. Where there is love there is understanding between men. John's soul was knit to the soul of Jesus, and hence he understood the meaning of the "signs" which He did, and of the mystic words which He spoke. And hence it is, that he saw in the love of God, the love of Christ, the spring and explanation of the dealings of God with man. "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." (I. John: 4:10.)

2. John's life shows us the power of love. Love is an emotion, but it is more. It is a

motive power, an energy. It impelled John to follow when the others fled. It dictated the Gospel, the Epistles, the Revelation. It led him to Ephesus, held him steadfast against the heretics, was the nerve of his pastoral devotion, of all his activity. It was his sense of the unfailing fellowship with the Lord, the "Word of life," "that which we have seen with our eyes, which we have heard, and our hands have handled," "the eternal life which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us," which moved him to devote his life to leading others to "have fellowship with us, yea, with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ." Love like that of John will mean fellowship and service like his.

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13th Week After Trinity. August 25, 1907.

## Lutheran Church Music

Ezra 2: 64-65.

Practical Topic Reviewed by Rev. G. C. F. Haas, D.D.

Of all the arts that contribute their gracious gifts toward the beautifying of the sanctuary and its worship, "none," to quote the Rev. Luther D. Reed in the preface to *The Choral Service Book,* "enters into so intimate a relationship with the elements of the Service, or is such a helpful factor in their expression, as Music. Architecture, Painting, Sculpture, Embroidery—all bring their offerings before the service hour, as it were, and stand silent in the outer court, while Music alone enters the Holy of Holies and breathes the people's prayer and praise, or voices Divine invitation and promise." Now what follows from this preferred position? We quote further: "It is therefore of the first importance, that the hands of this priestly servant be clean, and the heart pure—that the music of the service be true and in some manner worthy of its privilege." In other words, there is—there must be—such a thing as Church-music. While this is unquestioned, there may be a lack of clearness as to what constitutes true Church-music. Suffice it to say, that music does not become Church-music by the mere fact of its being used *in* the church, just as little as the placing of any painting, whatever it be, behind the altar would make it an altar-piece. Not even the connection of the music with a churchly text can effect this transformation. There is unfortunately too much music in use in Christian churches, often set to the most precious words, that is utterly undignified, trivial, and even positively suggestive of the secular. True Church-music is ever characterized by dignity and restrain. It is not the Grecian dancer, who, by the sinuous rhythmical movements of her perfect form, with the aid of her flowery draperies, strives to captivate the sensuous eye, but rather the handmaiden of the Lord, modest of garb and reverent in bearing, whose pure voice tends to uplift the soul. It is not there to display its own beauty, but its motto is "Ich dien."

But our heading assumes, and justly so, that there is a Church-music peculiar to the Lutheran Church. There is the historical fact that within the Lutheran Church there has grown up and developed a Church-music more rich and varied, more classic in its churchliness, than can be found in any other church—a Church-music that is a fitting expression of the character and spirit of the Church that gave it birth. In its general character it is pure and dignified, simple and strong. Its quality is not emotionalism and individualism—that would be characteristic of the Methodistic trend—but the objectiveness, assurance, and joy of simple faith and the restraint of churchly orderliness. The Luthern Church has produced or perfected several kinds or varieties of music. Apart from mere instrumental music, particularly for the organ, which has also reached its highest development in our Church, in J. Seb. Bach and others, but which occupies only a secondary position in the Service, and apart from the Spiritual Folksong, which is more especially the song of the Christian home and social circle, we may distinguish in the actual music of the sanctuary between what may be termed art-song and folk-song, the music of the choir and the music of the congregation. The former has been assiduously cultivated in our Church and has been perfected to a high degree. It is not necessary for Lutheran Church choirs to borrow from foreign sources, least of all to waste their time and strength on that class of modern so-called anthems of which there are many, but of which none is much. There is a wealth of material which is at once truly churchly and truly beautiful. Those who had the good fortune to hear the *Leipzig Quartet für Kirchengesang* when they visited this country some years ago, will bear out the writer in saying that it would be difficult to imagine music, at the same time more beautiful and more conducive to edification. It is in the sphere of congregational singing, however, that the peculiar characteristics of Lutheran Church-music are most in evidence, particu-

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## Editorial

### Summer Assemblies

"All work and no play" earns its penalty and usually exacts it, soon or late. Much more surely and fully is it paid these days than formerly when hands were less skilled, brains less finely trained to their special tasks, competition less keen and duty less exacting. A few weeks of leisure, to be spent as one chooses, and not under the pressure of duty, was formerly a luxury; now, it is a very real and urgent necessity.

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But with the change in conditions, so also has come a change in the disposition of many men as to how the leisure shall be spent. A very reasonable and practical application of the old rule, "Change of occupation is sufficient recreation" is made now. Men have learned that to anyone who really needs it, "recreation" must *be* "occupation," or it does not really recreate. They have discovered also the essential value of moderation.

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In harmony with these fundamentals, the religious Summer Assembly has been developed, for the benefit of two classes of persons—the worker, preacher and teacher, in the world of religion, and the secular worker whose interest in religious work leads him to seek inspiration and instruction.

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To the needs of these two classes of persons the Summer Assembly has been well adjusted. Programs are arranged to present subjects of most obvious and nearly universal value, and to offer information in the form most easily grasped and assimilated. Choices of speakers are made from among men who can inspire as well as instruct, and who have the faculty of setting forth, with force and effect, a few great truths. The programs are varied so as to meet many different kinds of need, and care is taken to avoid the crowding of work upon the people in attendance. Periods are left open for physical exercise and sports, for which some provision is always made. And among the advantages gained, perhaps not the least is the social—the fraternal intercourse with people interested in the same work, and inspired by the same motives as ourselves.

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The Chautauqua and the work at Northfield are typical, and, perhaps, the best developed of all now in operation. But within the last few years Lutherans have recognized the advantage of this form of assembly and have made some progress in the development of the idea. The Rock River Assembly, whose seat is at Dixon, Ill., has some years of successful history behind it. Its benefits are marked and various. At other points similar movements have been started and have attained some degree of success. The latest-born of these represents New York, New Jersey and Pennsyl-

vania Lutherans, who will hold their first assembly this year at Irving College, Mechanicsburg, Pa., August 7-18.

For all who are interested in the work of the Church, and who feel the need of additional knowledge and greater inspiration, which can be had without overwork while they are really enjoying a vacation and delightful outing at an attractive and comfortable summer resort, these assemblies provide an opportunity of combining pleasure and profit which could scarcely be excelled.

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### Our Young People

The field is not exhausted. There are many congregations in which Young People's societies should be organized. When ready for this work send for "The Luther League Handbook," which is the official publication of the Luther League of America. And there are also many societies that ought to be brought into union with the District, State and National Luther League work. Why not learn about these from the "Handbook."

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The Luther League has its opportunities. Study it, and you will become interested. Make it thoroughly successful in your own parish so far as you can by your own efforts and others will become interested and take part in the movement. There never was a day when it had such large possibilities as today. It requires sacrifice, possibly. What of it? Failures have been made eminent successes at that price, and if you can help your Church by making this agency efficient the satisfaction is reward for the effort.

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Our Leaguers are a noble body of whole-souled, vigorous, energetic Christian people. They are willing to enter into things with a spirit that is refreshing and a vim that is earnest, but they want solid practical work. They want to accomplish something. This calls for pastoral management. It will put the pulpit in direct contact with the co-operative work of the pews, and the administrative preacher will work through them. Their number will increase, and the pastor will find them co-laborers who will uphold him with love and prayers unto every good work.

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Our young people need to be built up in Lutheran consciousness. How often we see the Lutheran Church omitted in the list of churches, and our people often are chagrined that others should seem to feel that our great Church does not amount to anything. We want, therefore, to know more about ourselves and our work that we may not be overwhelmed by such apparent weakness. More. It will help to make us better known among other people. Self-respect and the grounds for it are not for any selfish motive alone, or for lack of fellowship, but for the strengthening of the things that remain.

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Every Christian should be in earnest about the things of Christ and the services in God's House.

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Quiet study of the great things of life, instead of crowding the hours with secular duties and pleasures, will make stronger men and better Christians.

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They make the most attentive and faithful workers in the Lord's service who begin early and keep on with a willing, persevering spirit.

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larly if we again distinguish between the music of the Liturgy and of the Hymn. The music of the Lutheran Liturgy displays the conservative character of the Lutheran Church, inasmuch as it is a bond uniting us with the ancient Church catholic. The characteristic music of the Liturgy is the Gregorian, or Plain Song, with is distinctively simply melody sung in unison and moving in a free rhythm. "It knows no existence in and of itself and apart from the text of the Liturgy, and herein displays its chief distinction, while it reveals its supreme purpose." In the Hymn-tune, the "Choral," Lutheran Church-music appears in its most distinctive form.. While the Liturgy music shows our Church to be part of the Church catholic, the congregational Choral exhibits her peculiar features. If the Plain Song of the Liturgy is, musically speaking, her Apostolicum, the Choral is her Augustana. Together with the hymn its proper hymn-tune grew up in the Lutheran Church, an indigenous plant which attained its most perfect growth in its native soil. The true form of the Choral is, however, not what it later degenerated into—the slow and sleepy tune, proceeding with an ever even step in an unbroken succession of solemn half-notes. On the contrary, it has a well-marked rhythm, peculiarly its own, and differing in many respects from the measured rhythm of modern music. Here, too, the Word governs the tune, and the tune is subordinate to the Word, and so has been developed that wealth of hymn-tunes, unparalleled in any other Church, that are so simple and yet so beautiful, truly lively, yet ever dignified and churchly.

How is this Lutheran Church-music to be introduced and cultivated? Perhaps the best way is to begin with the young, then the old will naturally fall in line. Let the Sunday-school study it and present it at its festivals. Let the Leagues devote time and attention to it. The objection is at times urged, that this music is too difficult and not sufficiently pleasing to the ear. While it may be admitted that its forms sound strange to those acquainted only with our modern popular music, whose distinctly accented regular rhythm is a reminiscence of the dance-music from which it sprang, yet it is not inherently difficult, as is shown by the fact that children can and do learn to sing it. And as to what is pleasing to the ear, that is greatly a matter of taste and education. To some tastes the crude and gaudy pictures of the colored supplement of the Sunday newspaper appeal more than would a Raphael or a Corot. So some ears are more pleased by the inane hum-tee-dum hum-tee-dee of the modern commercial Sunday-school Festival program, than by a good, solid, churchly Choral or an approved Spiritual Folksong, but the more the pity. Acquaintance and a sympathetic attitude are the requirements for the understanding and appreciation of all art, and therefore also of Church-music. Let us get the more the better acquainted with our Church-music. Let us try to understand its spirit, to hear it properly rendered in its proper environment, and to join in it ourselves. Then acquaintance will beget love, and love will appreciate and foster this great treasure of our beloved Church.


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# Our Churches and Institutions

## In Some of Our Large Cities

**Greater New York.**

—Two new English Lutheran Missions have been established in the Bronx. One was opened on Sunday, June 16, at 609 Kingsbridge road. The other held its first service on June 23, at 174th street and Monroe avenue. These missions will, for the present, both be in charge of Rev. F. J. Baum. It is planned, also to open new Sunday Schools in the Kingsbridge and in the High Bridge sections of the Bronx.

—Gustavus Adolphus Church, Rev. Mauritz Stolpe, D.D., pastor, reduced its debt by $800 this spring.

—Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D.D., LL.D., pastor of St. James' Church, has been appointed by the American Bible Society as the representative of the Lutheran Church on the standing committee on versions of the Bible.

**Philadelphia.**

—At the recent congregational meeting of Calvary Church, Rev. Foster U. Gift, pastor, the report showed that 141 new members have been added in the three years of the present pastorate, and that the contributions have amounted to $11,000. The pastor's salary was increased $200.

—Gethsemane Church, Sixtieth and Westminster avenue, of which Rev. Herbert Finch is the pastor, has become self-supporting since May.

—Bethany Church, Rev. E. E. Hoshour, pastor, has recently, by the will of Miss Mary Tryon, fallen heir to a legacy of $6,000, which will more than cancel the church's entire indebtedness. Within six years this church has doubled its membership, having received 389 members in that time.

—A new portable chapel has been erected at Fifty-ninth and Spruce streets for the use of the Tabernacle Mission. It was formally consecrated June 16.

—Rev. Ernst Pfatteicher, Ph.D., began his pastorate of Holy Communion Church on July 1.

—Temple Lutheran Church has decided to support Miss Lulu M. Goodman, one of the foreign missionaries who sailed for the Muhlenberg Mission, Africa, last week.

—William C. Stoever, Esq., president of the Luther League of America, has been elected president of the Lutheran Publication Society.

**Chicago.**

—Hope Church has purchased a plot of ground at the corner of Monticello avenue and Iowa street, where it will erect a suitable church building.

—St. Luke's Church, Rev. M. E. Haberland, pastor, which is the outgrowth of a Sunday School organized by St. Peter's Church in 1899, consecrated its new building May 26. This congregation now has a valuable church property, with both a church and parsonage on it, and is well equipped for the future. What made this progress possible was the donation of two lots by Mr. John S. Hair. On the one lot a church costing $3,000 was erected in 1900. In 1901 another lot was donated by him, and on this a beautiful parsonage was erected in 1903. The chapel soon became too small, and during the past year the new church, 65 by 90 feet, was erected.

—The Church of the Redeemer, Rev. J. R. E. Hunt, pastor, has purchased a fine lot at West Chicago avenue and North Fifty-third street as the future location, on which it is hoped to erect a church.

—The Rev. A. H. Arbaugh, formerly pastor of the Lutheran Church at Frankfort, Ind., has been secured to serve the Church of the Atonement.

—The Rev. A. R. Beck has resigned the pastorate of the St. James' Mission, and the congregation has extended a call to the Rev. S. D. Myers, of Vandalia, Ill., to become his successor.

—The Lutheran Church is the largest and most progressive church in this large and progressive city.

Thirty years ago there were eighteen Lutheran congregations in this city. There are today 153, and 28 others, not calling themselves Lutherans, but holding the confession of the Lutheran Church.

More than half of the Lutheran churches in Chicago are German. Four-fifths of them use a foreign language, and only one-fifth use the language of their country.

The total membership of these 181 churches is 124,563 confirmed members, 201 ordained Lutheran ministers serving as pastors, missionaries and professors.

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tor of the Walnut Hills Church, Whitsunday, May 19.

**Pittsburgh.**

Mt. Zion Church, Rev. C. P. Wiles, pastor, has just completed the payment of its debt of $10,000. The effort has extended over a period of five years, but the whole sum was made up of free-will contributions, without recourse to any schemes or indirect methods.

**Paterson.**

—The first English Lutheran congregation, Rev. Arthur N. Bean, pastor, recently purchased a church property, which formerly belonged to the Episcopal Church. It is located at the corner of Carroll and Pearl streets, and is 64 feet front by 125 feet in depth, with a seating capacity of 600. The estimated value of this property is $35,000. This congregation was organized October 11, 1904, and has worshipped in a hall up to this time. The congregation now consists of 147 members.

**Milwaukee.**

—Rev. E. J. Fleer has been called from Spokane, Wash., to a pastorate in this city.

**Harrisburg.**

—Bethlehem Church, Rev. J. Henry Harms, pastor, celebrated its twentieth anniversary on May 12.

**Utica.**

—Rev F. W. Klingensmith has resigned the pastorate of the Church of the Redeemer on account of ill-health, and has gone to Denver, whence come reports of improvement in his condition.

**Hoboken.**

—Holy Trinity Lutheran Church observed the fourth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. C. T. McDaniel, by a social visit and the gift of a purse. During these four years the membership has increased from 118 to 232. The congregation owns a lot with brown stone house, valued at $15,000, on which is carried a debt of $6.500. There is great need of a church building.

**Trenton.**

—Rev. E. Carl Mumford has resigned as pastor of Grace Church, this city, and accepted a call to St. John's Church, Littlestown, Pa.

**Wilmington.**

—Plans for a new $12,000 church building have been adopted by Holy Trinity Church, Rev. J. Harry Main, pastor. They expect to build this summer.

**Omaha.**

—Immanuel Swedish Church is now under the pastorate of Rev. Adof Hult, who began his work May 2. Rev. Hult is a staunch friend of the Luther League.

**Sacramento.**

—The building fund of the German Lutheran Church of this city is close to $8,000. As soon as sufficient is on hand they will sell the old building and put up one modern in every respect, yet thoroughly churchly.

—The forty-eighth annual convention of the Augustana Synod was held in the Swedish Lutheran Church in New Britain, Conn., Rev. S. Y. Ohman, pastor, June 13-19, 1907. It was the first time that the Synod met on New England soil. Dr. E. Norelius was unanimously re-elected president.

Revision of the constitution for congregations was an important item of business. The revision allows women the right to vote in the Church, and denies Church membership to members of anti-Christian societies, whether secret or not. The session emphasized home mission work and that of higher education. The immigrant missions in New York and Boston received attention. Its foreign mission work in India and Porto Rico is conducted through the General Council. Receipts of $14,382 for this branch of work were reported. H. Lagercrantz, Minister of Sweden to the United States, visited the Synod and expressed his hearty sympathy with its work.

At the ordination services on Sunday twenty young men were ordained to the holy ministry. Two other ministers were received into the Synod, making an addition of twenty-two. But six ministers have been removed by death during the year, making a net gain of 16. The number of ministers is accordingly 574. The congregations number about 1,100, and the communicant members some 150,000. The next meeting of the Synod will be held in Trinity Church, Lake View, Chicago.

—Some one has noted the fact that the New York Ministerium, which only five years ago sent out all its English congregations to the number of more than thirty to form an English body, now numbers more pastors and members than it did at that time. There is that scattereth and yet increaseth.

—Many pastors of Swedish churches this year confirmed in English a large proportion—in some churches more than half—of their young people. The need of using the English language is thus being recognized. The next step will be to provide fully for the spiritual wants of the young people by affording them a chance to worship in the language which they fully understand. Meantime let the young people be faithful to the Church of their fathers.

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## NEW YORK.

—The thirteenth annual convention of the Luther League of New York State will be held in Syracuse, October 29, 30 and 31.

The opening session will be held on Tuesday evening, October 29, at 7:30, in the First English Lutheran Church, Rev. W. M. B. Glanding, pastor. All business sessions, on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, will also be held in this church.

The Wednesday evening meeting will be held in St. John's Church, Rev. Wm. Drach, pastor.

and the closing or rally meeting, which will be a Reformation Day service, will be held in St. Peter's Church, Rev. R. Schmidt, pastor.

The program committee is already at work and a program of much practical benefit in every day League work is their promise. The speakers to be invited, among whom is General Secretary Kuhns, of the Luther League of America, are men who have made a success of practical League work in their own churches and who are therefore well fitted to advise others. The convention motto adopted is: "Understanding—Act."

The transportation committee consists of H. D. Brandes, of New York City, chairman, 5 East Forty-second street, and D. W. P. Meyerholz, 164 Ralph avenue, Brooklyn, secretary. All requests for information should be addressed to the chairman. It is expected that the usual reduced railroad rates will be secured. Further announcements will be made later.

The local entertainment committee is also at work, and it is hoped that reduced hotel rates at several first class hotels may be secured for all delegates and their friends. Details will be announced later.

Thursday afternoon (the 31st) will be left free of convention work, and an opportunity for sight seeing afforded. A trolley ride through the city, tendered by the Leaguers of Syracuse to all delegates and visitors will be a feature of the afternoon.

Another feature of the convention will be a reception given on Tuesday evening at the close of the service, to all delegates and friends, by the Syracuse Leaguers.

The Syracuse District is very enthusiastic in its pro-convention work and every local society should begin planning to have delegates present.

On behalf of the State League, I bespeak the hearty co-operation and most earnest prayers of every Leaguer in the State, that "Syracuse, 1907," may go down in Luther League history as the best convention, in every sense of the word, that New York State has ever held.

JAMES M. REYNOLDS, President.

### New York City District.

—The Luther League of New York City held its regular business meeting in the church at the Wartburg Orphans' Farm School, Mount Vernon, on Saturday afternoon, June 15. The worship was conducted by Dr. Berkemeier, director of the Farm School, assisted by Rev. J. Kopp, Portchester, and Rev. F. B. Clausen, New York.

Dr. Berkemeier welcomed his guests, referring to the date of the meeting as that of the assembling of the Peace Conference at The Hague, which, however much it may accomplish toward permanent peace, may be followed by war, as the former conference was; as also the anniversary of the Slocum disaster; and as the date of a meeting on ground dedicated to the purpose of relieving distress arising from both war and disaster. "Wartburg, in Germany," he said, "was the scene of a translation of the Bible into a new language; at this Wartburg we translate the Bible into actions." Mr. William H. Rose, president of the District League, who presided, heartily responded to the greeting, and expressed the interest Leaguers feel in the work the Farm School is doing.

The business of the meeting was expeditiously transacted. Announcement was made of a lecture on "Religions of the Orient," by Rev. Jeremiah Zimmerman, D.D., LL.D., to be given about October 15. The Luther League of Holy Trinity Church, New Rochelle, Rev. Hartwig, pastor, was received as a member. This brings the number of societies in the District League to fourteen, the largest number in its history.

At the close of the meeting the delegates and visitors, of whom there were about 250, inspected the building and spacious grounds of the Farm School, and at half past five were served with supper, under the fine old maple trees on the lawn. An offering of about $100 was made to the Farm School.

—At the annual election of officers of the Luther League of Holy Trinity Church, Dr. Miller, pastor, held on May 14, the following were elected: President, A. C. Adams, vice president, E. C. Landergren; recording secretary, Henry Schmidt; corresponding secretary, Miss J. Fausner; treasurer, Miss Elizabeth Stehling.

### Brooklyn District.

—The District Luther League of Brooklyn held its last meeting for the summer on Monday evening, June 17, at Holy Trinity Church. A large and enthusiastic delegation was present. Rev. C. F. Intemann, pastor of Grace Church, was the speaker of the evening. He spoke of the work of the Luther League in general and showed what a good, active League could do in a church—how the young people could do work that the pastor or older members of the congregation could not do.

The treasurer's report showed a good balance on hand. The League of the Church of the

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St. John's League reported holding a successful rally on May 28. This is the first materialization of a plan projected by the president to have the various Leagues hold individual "rallies," to bring the several societies into closer relations with each other and encourage one another. The plan seems to be a good one.

The League of Rockville Centre extended a very cordial invitation to the other Leagues to spend a day with them. The invitation was accepted and July 6 fixed as the day for this outing.

The officers of the District League for this year are: President, Rev. H. P. Miller, 166 Pennsylvania avenue; first vice president, Mr. George S. Intemann; second vice president, Mr. Robert Huck; third vice president, Mr. C. Herter; treasurer, Mr. J. G. Ernst, 270 Marion street; recording secretary, Mr. F. C. Haase, 391 Degraw street; corresponding secretary, Miss Adeline Ashoff, 96 Dean street.

The great activity among all the Brooklyn Leagues is very encouraging. The Central is experiencing a more rapid growth in members and active interest than it has ever before. With such a body of young people surely great results must be forthcoming, and Lutheranism in our city will receive a powerful stimulus.

Grace Luther League, Rev. G. F. Intemann, pastor, is giving the Church much valuable aid in the erection of its new chapel. Besides contributing money to the building fund the League will place a memorial of its loyalty in the new building in the form of a beautiful brass lecturn. The League, although comparatively young, has a membership of forty-four, and by its rapid growth promises to be one of the largest in the city. The new building of Grace Church, when completed, will be a worthy monument of English Lutheranism in

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## NEW JERSEY

—Mr. T. Clem Beck has resigned the presidency of the Luther League of New Jersey, and First Vice President Rev. J. E. Heindel has been chosen to fill the vacancy. Mr. Beck's friends regret his resignation, but it is hoped that officers and committee workers will heartily support the new president.

—The Luther League of Holy Trinity Church, Elizabeth, Rev. F. C. Krapf, pastor, held a meeting in the interest of Muhlenberg College. The offering, amounting to $31.11, was for the benefit of Luther League Hall. Leaguers were in attendance from Jersey City, Newark, Perth Amboy and the German Lutheran Church of Elizabeth. Prof. Geo. T. Ettinger, dean of Muhlenberg College, delivered an interesting and instructive address on the subject of "Muhlenberg College and the Lutheran Church." Rev. J. E. Heindel, of Jersey City, the newly elected president of the New Jersey State League, was present, and made an address. Special music was rendered. This Luther League is conducting the Bible study services on Wednesday evening of each week.

Under the supervision of the League, a Junior League has been organized and good results are looked for.

## PENNSYLVANIA

### Bucks, Montgomery and Chester District.

—The League of St. Luke's Church, at Noxen, Rev. O. F. Ettwein, pastor, was organized last December, and has now a membership of over sixty. The devotional meetings are held every Thursday evening, and the Luther League Topics are used. The members are taking a great interest in the meetings, and the attendance is good. The business meetings are held on the last Friday of every month at the homes of the members. After the transaction of business, a program of entertainment is rendered and refreshments served.

The League is interested in benevolence, and plans will probably soon be made for some specific work in that line. All the inmates of our Old People's Home, at Germantown, were remembered with an appropriate Christmas gift. The League has also subscribed and paid for a pair of oak doors for Luther League Hall of Muhlenberg College. The presiding officer of the League is Mr. Robert Mosser.

### Upper Lehigh Valley District.

—The twenty-sixth semi-annual convention of the Central Luther League of the Upper Lehigh Valley, was held in St. John's Lutheran and Reformed Church, St. Johns, Pa. Rev. C. F. Kuder, pastor, Wednesday and Thursday, June 5 and 6, 1907.

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At the evening session Rev. I. O. Nothstein, of Summit Hill, made an address on "Praying and Working, the Forces Which Move the World." Rev. Charles L. Fry presented the subject of "Church Extension."

The following persons were elected delegates to attend the State Convention, in Allentown, in September: Rev. C. F. Kuder, Miss Grace A. Lauer, Miss Helen Hartz, Mr. Charles Brighthaupt, Mr. W. D. Keller.

The officers for the ensuing year are: President, Mr. Charles Brighthaupt; vice president, Mr. W. D. Keller; secretary, Miss Grace A. Lauer; treasurer, Mr. John A. Ziegenfuss; statistician, Rev. W. Penn Barr.

The fall convention will be held in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Weissport.

GRACE A. LAUER, Secretary.

### Northwestern District.

—The Northwestern Luther League Convention will meet in Erie in the near future. This is one of the most aggressive District Leagues in the State.

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### CONNECTICUT.

—The Luther League of the English Lutheran Church met June 13, at the home of Miss Elsie Rosenzwieg. The meeting was largely attended and a special program was rendered and refreshments were served. Rev. Charles L. Fry, Literature Secretary of the Luther League of America, delivered a very inspiring address on the "Luther Ensign," and colors of the Luther League, black, red, white, blue and gold.

### OHIO.

**Springfield District.**

—The Springfield District Luther League held its annual spring rally in the Fourth Lutheran Church, Rev. A. H. Smith, pastor, April 26. Two good addresses were enjoyed. Rev. W. L. Guard, of Urbana, spoke on the subject, "Do We Need the Luther League?" Hon. John L. Zimmerman, of the First Church, spoke on "Lutheranism in Ohio."

—The students of Wittenberg College this spring organized a Luther League, with a view to studying the Lutheran Church, its doctrine and plans of work. The following are the officers: Dwight Bair, of Mansfield, president; Grover C. Leonard, vice president; August H. Miller, secretary; John H. Ziegler, treasurer. The meetings were enthusiastically attended until close of school, the Topics being used. The subject, "The Christian Church," was discussed by Rev. Dr. Ort, and "Peter's Pentecostal Sermon," by Rev. E. L. Spaid, pastor of Calvary Church, of Springfield. The plan is to have a Lutheran minister take charge of the one meeting each month; the students conduct the others.

This League was admitted into the District League, and Messrs. Bair and Leonard were selected as delegates to the convention at Bucyrus.

Plans have been laid for aggressive work next year, including the reading course, social events, etc., and it is expected that much help to grasp and hold the faith of our Church will be derived.

### INDIANA.

—The Luther League of Holy Trinity Church, South Bend, Ind., has undertaken to arrange for a Luther League rally, to be held Tuesday, July 9, at Island Park, Elkhart, with the hope that a district organization can be effected. General Secretary Rev. Luther M. Kuhns has been secured as the principal speaker, and a large chorus of Luther Leaguers will sing.

It is expected that a supper will be served in the park and a genuine Luther League social time will be enjoyed.

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### ILLINOIS

**Chicago District.**

—A Junior Luther League was organized in the People's Church on April 7. It started with 18 members and within two weeks had grown to 38, with an attendance of 29. The League meets on Sunday afternoon, under the superintendence of the pastor.

—The Luther League of St. Paul's Church, Evanston, Rev. T. B. Hersch, pastor, presented to the church, recently, a handsome altar, lectern, pulpit chairs and a hymn board.

### IOWA

—The sixth annual convention of the Iowa Central Luther League will be held at Cambridge, Ia., July 17 and 18. Sessions will be held morning, afternoon and evening of each day. The opening sermon will be delivered by Rev. H. C. Hohn, superintendent of inner missions of the United Church, and the principal address will be delivered by Rev. L. Harrisville, of Chicago. The officers of the League are: President, A. O. Hauge, Des Moines; vice president, Edw. Osmundson, Roland; recording secretary, Inez Hauge, Badger; corresponding secretary, Magnus Johnson, Jewell; treasurer, Nellie Mason, Cambridge.

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## OREGON-WASHINGTON

—The Bi-State Luther League of Washington and Oregon, held its convention in Seattle, Wash., in Holy Trinity Church, Rev. H. A. W. Yung, pastor, June 10-11. Rev. J. A. Leas delivered the convention sermon; Rev. H. A. W. Yung gave an address of welcome, to which Mr. W. S. T. Derr, president of the Columbia District League responded. Rev. E. Meyer, of San José, president of the California League, brought greetings from that organization. After the services, the League of Holy Trinity tendered a reception to the visitors. At the first business session the following officers were elected: J. C. Walling, Seattle, president; Miss Celeste Albin, Portland, secretary; Miss Mabel Stambaugh, Tacoma, treasurer; Rev. M. E. Boulton, Dalles, Ore., corresponding secretary. A very interesting letter from the General Secretary, Rev. L. M. Kuhns, was read to the convention. The keynote of the convention was "Service." Papers on "Practical Preparation for Service," by Miss Celeste Albin, Portland, and "Preparation for Service in the Church," by Mr. Ferro, of United Norwegian Church, were much appreciated. Addresses on "Spiritual Preparation for Service," and "Preparation for Service Outside the Church," were also given.

At the rally service, Rev. F. W. Bussard, of Salt Lake City, presided, and addresses were made by Revs. M. E. Boulton and C. F. W. Stoever, and by President-elect Mr. J. C. Walling. Although the Leagues are separated by magnificent distances a large number of delegates were present and the convention was a profitable one. The next convention will be held in Vancouver, Wash., in June 1908.

—The new officers of the Luther League of Zion Church, The Dalles, Ore., Rev. M. E. Boulton, pastor, are: President, Miss Anna Stubling; vice president, Miss Selma Cramer; secretary, Miss Josephine Nickelsen; treasurer, Mr. Fred. Weigel. Several members have been added since the first of the year. Meetings are held every Wednesday evening. The Topics are used.

## CALIFORNIA.

### Central California District.

The fourth convention of the Central California District Luther League was held in the First English Lutheran Church, Oakland, Rev. Oscar H. Gruver, pastor, May 23. Two sessions and a rally were held. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. E. Meyer, San José; recording secretary, Rev. O. H. Gruver, Oakland; corresponding secretary, Miss S. K. Baumgartner, San José; treasurer, Mr. J. A. Bohn, Oakland. The League voted $20 for the education of two boys in India. The president was instructed to visit all Lutheran churches that will open their doors to him to present the cause of the Luther League. The following topics were ably discussed: "Needs of Our District League," "What the League Has Accomplished," by Mr. J. A. Bohn, of Oakland; "How to Make the Devotional Meetings Effective," by Rev. Carl Emilius, of the Swedish Lutheran Church, Oakland; "The League as a Supplement to the Catechism," by E. H. Hadlock, Ph.D., of San Francisco. At the rally the following interesting themes were the subjects of interesting addresses: "The Young People of Today, The Church of Tomorrow," by Rev. H. S. Feix, of Alameda; "Higher Ideals for Young Lutheran Workers," Dr. G. G. Burnett, of San Francisco; "Our Motto or the Loyal Leaguers," Rev. E. Meyer, of San José. The outlook for the coming year is very promising.

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—A Luther League was organized in Trinity Church, Riverside, Rev. A. E. Deitz, pastor, on the evening of April 26. It starts out with a membership of thirty.

—Mr. Elling Johnson, Waseca, Minn., willed $800 to various Norwegian Mission interests. $200 were given to St. George Hospital, in Bergen, Norway.

—A new summer school for Sunday School teachers will be opened as a "Vacation Retreat" on the beautiful campus of Muhlenberg College, at Allentown, during the last week of this month, July 22-29. A strong and stimulative program of vital subjects, each in the hands of a specialist, will be presented each day, and the course will be particularly valuable to those pastors, superintendents and teachers who desire a mid-summer opportunity to get a clear and comprehensive view of the graded system of religious instruction. The whole equipment of the college buildings has been placed at the disposal of this summer school, and the cost of the week's delightful outing amounts to less than a dollar a day, including board, room rent, matriculation fee, athletic games, etc. Further particulars may be had of Rev. Charles L. Fry, 1018 West Lehigh avenue, Philadelphia.

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WRITE TO REV. DR. C. E. HAUPT, LANCASTER CITY, PA., REGARDING JUNIOR WORK

Helping hands are the hands that accomplish the Master's greatest work.

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It ought to be our aim to brighten and sustain every other life around us.

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The true love of Jesus is labor for others.

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Great ideas are the outgrowth of humble ones.

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All Junior League workers are invited to send in useful and valuable suggestions.

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Perhaps a monthly talk by the pastor, to the Junior League, is possible in many cases; and will bring the young people to the pastor better than in any other way.

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A motto for July: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free." Gal. 5:1.

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Good memory work is excellent, for the results follow through life.

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Let each try to bring others to the sessions of the League.

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One of the problems is to find the best *time* of meeting. Much of the success depends upon that. In this matter each League must be a law unto itself and make its own choice.

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It is well to take advantage of our beautiful badges, by giving them as rewards for faithful attendance, punctuality, order, fidelity, scholarship, etc.

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The general and local conventions of our League are doing a great work for our great church in bringing together the active, zealous workers and combining their strength.

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If you have been revolving in your mind the doing of some good thing, why not do it NOW, instead of keeping on thinking about it?

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A group picture of the Juniors of your League may, possibly, be taken this year and sold for the benefit of the League or some good cause.

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Some of our Juniors are collecting a mile of pennies for their treasuries. How many pennies does it require, if laid in a straight line, to make a mile?

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A healthful hunger for a great idea is the beauty and blessedness of life.—Jean Ingelow.

Spirit of summer time, hovering over

—❦—

Fields all aquiver with dreams of thy breath,
Bring back the woodbine, the wild rose and clover,
Banish the long-reigning semblance of death.
—Oliver A. Smith.

—❦—

Do you remember that the 9th of July is the date when, in 1706, the first Lutheran missionaries, Ziegenbalg and Pluetschau, arrived at Tranquebar, India?

What are *you* doing for Missions?

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On the 6th of July, 1415, John Huss, at Constance, gave his life for the sake of the truth. Could we be as willing to suffer for Jesus' sake?

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During July, doubtless, there will be many an outing into the beautifully enriched nature-land, the groves, the fields, the shores of our streams, the coast (if we are near enough to that), or the pleasure parks. It may be that, as workers in the Leagues of Juniors for the Church, we may make our holidays very useful by enriching our botanical collections; or learning how to tell the names of the trees, plants, flowers and birds that we may meet. Or, we may be able to gather the long and beautiful fronds of the fern, or the most perfect forms of the leaves to dry, pressed, for use in decorating the church and the League room during the festivals of the autumn and winter.


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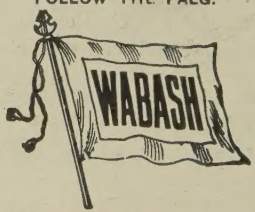


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